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Dear Les,

There is never a time when people in your business and mine are not swamped.

I try to cope with it by starting close to four a.m. and going until about 11/ p.m. That still does not enable me to do all I want to do.

But I get much done and over the years have accumulated quite a bit.

What I told you is relatively insignificant in what I have on Watergate.

If anything can break it open today after the failures of the Congress and the media to do their jobs, I have it.

But I have just turned 61 and I am broke and my one asset is my work. I have to find some way of using it to make its continuation possible. This, of course, presents me with conflicts. I have a great desire for it all to be used and the need to try and use it to attempt survival.

Now I am trying to develop some foundation interest in it. Most of them are the creatures of their hangups.

I felt that there was no major risk of personal interest in trying to point you toward what you agree is a fine story.

If you have some free intern time, there are things competent but inexperienced people can do for you. There are aspects of the Scott angle they can do. Ditto on the entirely unused and I think most significant part of the taxes story to which I believe I referred.

At the moment I have too much that I must do to make any effort to interest others. So, let me make this suggestion. We are but an hour from Washington. We live in the middle of five acres of woods with a pond that has tame fish. I have no plans for any of the coming weekends. If you can find the time to drive up with one or more interns with or without wives and kids who might find the vicinity attractive, I'll spell these things out more. There should be no real problem for an intern in developing all the World War II stuff for you on what I think I mentioned, synthetic oil and gas and the restrictions imposed by the cartel deals. This one or another could without difficulty do the basic work on Rohm and Haas, with luck a lot more.

Meanwhile, should you get a day off, the only day I now anticipate being away is this coming Monday, when I will be in Washington and may be free inthe evening. Bud will probably know how to reach me during the afternoon. I may have to make an unexpected trip, but generally, except for taking my wife to work in the morning and fetching her evenings I am home and working. Sometimes I take a walk or chop wood or do other things for exercise and can't hear the phone.

Sincerely,